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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: : Axel Grandt
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For : DRUG ELUTING STENT AND METHODS OF
MANUFACTURE
Group Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : Brian E. Pellegrino
Confirmation No. : 2218

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

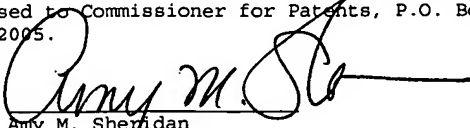
A three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated March 1, 2005, is respectfully requested, thereby extending the time for response until September 1, 2005, inclusive. Authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2298 in an amount appropriate for a three-month extension is enclosed herewith.

Responsive to the aforementioned Office action, applicants offer the following amendments and remarks:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and anything being referred to as enclosed herein is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 31st day of August, 2005.

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